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Germany's Navy Budget

Berlin, March 24.—The Reichstag today accepted the second reading of the naval budget which will make no change in the general agreement among the leaders of the parliamentary groups, except the Socialists, not to debate the proposals. Herr Ringer, Socialists, gave notice that his party would not allow the question of the proposed naval expenditure to pass without debate.

A Diminution of Crime.

Dublin, March 24.—Mr. Justice Gibson, in his address to the grand jury of the county of Meath, in the spring term, said that with regard to the general condition of the country there appeared to be a diminution of specially reported crime, principally made up by a diminution of the number of threatening notices. It was also informed that there was a reduction in the number of cattle-thefts. He hoped the improvement would be continued.

Empress William's Plans

Berlin, March 24.—There is no likelihood of Emperor William's visit to the Mediterranean in April, as Mr. Roosevelt, on board the steamer Admiral, is at the southern end of the Red sea, when Emperor William goes on the imperial yacht to Venice. No arrangements have been made by Emperor William to meet Mr. Roosevelt before 1910. If the political situation in southeastern Europe in the meantime shall have cleared up, Emperor William and the Empress will leave Germany on April 15 and arrive at Venice on the 16th. They will go on to the Hohenzofern at Varese and proceed to Cortina where they will remain until May 4. From the 4th to the 14th of May his Majesty will visit the Mediterranean. The imperial party will return to Wiesbaden on May 16.

Irish Immigrants

London, March 24.—The number of Irish who emigrated to Canada in 1908 was 2,831, a decrease of 1,765 compared with 1907.

Baby Girl Burned

Toronto, March 24.—The two-year-old daughter of John McCulloch, C. P. R. telegraph operator, is dead as the result of injuries received by her clothes catching fire from the kitchen range at her home on Harvard avenue.

Abducting Teller Caught

Winnipeg, March 24.—Fred A. Lee, the abducting teller of the Northern Crown bank branch at Saskatoon, who fled with \$7,000 of the bank's funds and a woman some weeks ago, has been arrested in Los Angeles, Cal., after a long chase. Extradition papers are being made out at Regina, and the fugitive will be brought back at once. Lee comes from Highgate, Ont.

Public Accounts Committee

Ottawa, March 24.—Messrs. Carvell, Pardee and McLean (Lunenburg), Liberals, and Rhodes, Conservatives, were appointed a sub-committee of the public accounts committee to strike out the worthless assets of the Dominion. Mr. Lymburner, of the Lymburner company, Montreal, was examined by the committee this morning relative to the purchase of belting for the examining warehouse at Montreal at \$2.40 per yard. At a former meeting of the committee, evidence was given by the representative of a rival firm that not more than 90 cents had been paid for the belting. Mr. Lymburner declared that the price included installation, and said he would not do the same work again under the same conditions for less money.

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Church and Canada

London, March 24.—At a farrow meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society, the Bishop of Canada and his wife are held by the police on suspicion only, an indictment will afford a basis for placing them under arrest formally, and then they can be held indefinitely.

Canada Company's Report.

London, March 23.—The report of the Canada company states that the land realizations accounts last year averaged \$23,158. Land prices averaged \$13.35 per acre.

Fatal Boiler Explosion

Buffalo, March 23.—Engineer Henry Kabel and fireman James Gust of the Cortt. The boiler of the engine exploded, blowing from the top of the string of cars by the force of the explosion. He landed in a ditch and is internally injured. The members of the crew all lived in Buffalo. The engine, which is a large type, was puffing along at a fair rate of speed when suddenly there was a terrific explosion. The engine trucks fell on the tracks about fifty feet away from the rest of the train, and the boiler, splitting in half, crashed in a heap of bent and twisted plate iron and pipe in a ditch about 20 feet from the tracks.

Will Sign New Agreement with Miners Today—No Strike Likely.

Nelson, March 24.—Word reached here tonight that the Crow's Nest Pass coal company has pulled out from the progress at Macleod, some five or six terms with the union tomorrow. The new agreement will take place of the one expiring on the 31st, and obviates all danger of the strike that was feared. Manager Hurd is credited with saying that his company would not pull out of the mine for the other operators. The conference of the other coal companies being represented, but with a settlement made with the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. strike on April 1st is now most improbable.

Coal-Steel Dispute.

Toronto, March 23.—President Plummer, of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, has declined the offer of the Dominion Coal Co. to pay \$250,000 on account, leaving disputed items to a referee.

C. P. R. Hotel Changes.

Vancouver, March 23.—Changes in the management of the Empress Hotel in Vancouver are scheduled to take place this year, and one of the earliest is at the Hotel Empress, succeeded by Charles Derouville, who has been for some years in charge of the Chateau Frontenac at Quebec. Derouville's successor at the Chateau is his assistant, Mr. Hutchinson. Mr. Derouville is expected to arrive in the city next week.

SENATORS STUDY TARIFF REVISION

Finance Committee's Bill to Run Parallel with Payne Measure.

IN FAVOR OF ECONOMY

Belief That New Tariff Will Finally Emerge from Conference.

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RAILWAY EARNINGS

Montreal, March 24.—The increase in railway earnings for the third week in March was as follows: P. R., \$189,000; Grand Trunk, \$24,974.

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London, March 24.—The earthen of the Philanthropic Society's farm school at Redhill states that the school has sent valuable colonists to Canada. He protests against the present attitude of the Canadian government in refusing to receive such persons as have been convicted.

SHAKESPEARE MEMORIAL.

London, March 23.—There was a meeting at the Mansion House this evening to further the construction and endowment of a national theatre as a Shakespeare memorial. The committee in charge has decided that \$2,500,000 is necessary to this end. The Lord Mayor announced that an anonymous donation of \$375,000 has been promised.

COMPANY WOUND UP

Toronto, March 23.—By an order issued by Chief Justice Falconbridge this morning, the St. Catharines Mineral Springs and Sanitarium Co., Ltd., is to be wound up. The petitioner is the Sovereign Bank of Canada, creditor to the amount of \$80,000. The Trust and Guarantee Co., Toronto, was appointed liquidator. The company was incorporated in 1892 with a capital of \$100,000.

MCGILL LIBRARIES NOT RAIDED.

Montreal, March 23.—Principal Peterson denies that there has been any pilfering of books either from the university library or the bookshelves of the various departments. The matter came up yesterday at the meeting of the board of governors. Prof. Dale will represent McGill at the seventh convention of the Dominion Educational association in Victoria, B.C., in July.

PUBLIC MONEY USED FOR POLITICAL WORK

Exposure of Piece of Jobbery Known as Aylesworth Ditch.

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Ottawa, March 23.—The House of Commons today discussed the Newmarket canal, or as it is more commonly known in Ontario, the Aylesworth ditch. It was brought up when the house went into supply by Mr. Wallace of Ontario, who stated that \$200,000 had already been spent on the section from Holland leading to Newmarket, and that the canal construction was a waste of public money.

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